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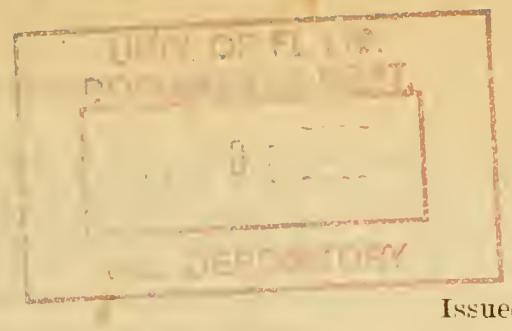

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AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS RESPECTING GAME ANIMALS, LAND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, GAME BIRDS, NONGAME BIRDS, AND NESTS AND EGGS OF BIRDS IN ALASKA

[Effective April 1, 1928]

Pursuant to the authority and direction contained in section 10 of the Alaska game law of January 13, 1925 (43 Stat. 739), and upon consultation with the Alaska Game Commission and its recommendation that the provision relative to the attachment of seals to beaver and marten skins be amended, that packages containing such skins for transportation be marked to show the serial number of tags attached thereto, that detailed reports to the commission of such shipments be required, and that the season on beaver on Kenai Peninsula be closed, I, W. M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby adopt as suitable regulations, to become effective 90 days after the date of publication hereof, the following amendments to the regulations under the Alaska game law, published April 2, 1927:

Regulation 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Regulation 4.—Possession and Transportation of Game Animals, Game Birds, and Fur-Bearing Animals

Game animals in numbers not exceeding the maximum seasonal limits prescribed by regulations 11 and 13, the hides, heads, and feet of game animals, articles made from such hides, heads, or feet, grouse and ptarmigan, and the skins and feathers of game birds, legally taken during the open season, may be possessed and transported at any time within the Territory by any person, provided that caribou legally taken north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, and mountain sheep, legally taken north of the Arctic Circle, may be transported and possessed in the Territory south of such areas, respectively, by the person who killed them.

Any person may without a license possess and transport at any time within or out of the Territory the shed or weathered antlers of caribou, moose, and deer.

Any person may transport within the Territory during the period constituting the open season therefor migratory game birds legally taken during the open season, and any such migratory game birds or parts thereof in transit during the open season may continue in transit for such additional time immediately succeeding such open season, not to exceed five days, as may be necessary to deliver the same to their destination, and may be possessed within the Territory during the period constituting the open season and for an additional period of 10 days next succeeding such open season, but no person shall possess more than 75 in the aggregate of all kinds of ducks, geese, and brant at any one time.

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A nonresident may possess and transport at any time within or out of the Territory the skins and feathers of game birds and any article manufactured from the hides or hoofs of moose, caribou, deer, or mountain goats, legally taken.

A nonresident citizen who is the holder of a valid game license, or a nonresident alien who is the holder of an alien special license, may possess and transport at any time within or out of the Territory 1 moose, 3 deer, 3 caribou, 3 mountain sheep, 3 mountain goats, and 3 in the aggregate of large brown and grizzly bears, or any parts of such animals, but no more of any one kind legally taken by him; but before any big game animal or part thereof shall be transported out of the Territory, the person desiring to make such shipment shall first make and deliver to the collector of customs at the port of shipment, in case the shipment is made by express or freight, or with the postmaster at the place where mailed, if shipment is made by parcel post, his affidavit to the effect that he has not violated any of the provisions of the Alaska game law or the regulations thereunder; that the big game animal or part thereof which he desires to ship has not been purchased or sold and is not being shipped for the purpose of being sold, and that he lawfully killed the animal and is the owner of it or the part thereof which he desires to ship; and if the shipment consists of a caribou or part thereof, the statement must show whether the animal was killed north or south of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, or if a sheep or part thereof whether the animal was killed north or south of the Arctic Circle. Such affidavit shall accompany the shipment, if made by express or freight, to the port of clearance, there to be taken up by the collector of the port; collectors of customs at ports of clearance and postmasters shall promptly transmit such affidavits to the commission. Such shipment shall have attached thereto a license coupon for each carcass or part thereof contained therein.

In any one year a resident may export by express, freight, or parcel post, for mounting and return to the Territory within one year, but not for sale, not to exceed two heads or trophies of each species of game animal legally killed by him during the open season, upon first procuring from a member of the commission or a collector of customs a resident shipping license, which license shall be securely fastened to the shipment in a conspicuous place. On the return of the trophy or trophies to the consignor, the shipping license shall be securely fastened to the shipment, and the collector or postmaster through whose office it is received shall detach the original license, note thereon the contents of the shipment, and promptly forward the license to the commission.

A citizen of the United States who has been a resident of the Territory for at least two years and who is removing his residence from the Territory may export, by express, freight, or parcel post, trophies of game animals legally acquired by him upon first procuring from a member of the commission, or collector of customs, a shipping license, which shall be securely fastened to the shipment in a conspicuous place.

Land fur-bearing animals for which an open season is provided, skins or parts thereof, when legally acquired, may be possessed and transported by any person at any time, but no person who is engaged in fur farming or is a fur dealer or an agent of a fur dealer shall possess or transport any fur-bearing animal or part thereof unless at the time of such possession or transportation he is in possession of a valid license issued to him pursuant to the provisions of the Alaska game law, and no person shall possess or transport any unprime skin at any time. In case shipment is made by express or freight, the shipper shall first deliver to the collector of customs at the port of shipment, or, if by parcel post, to the postmaster at the point of mailing, a statement correctly showing the number and kinds of skins in each shipment, and setting forth that no unprime skin is contained therein and further if shipment contains beaver or marten skins, the statement shall show serial number of the commission's seal attached to each skin. If shipment is made by express or freight such statement shall accompany it to the port of clearance, there to be taken up by the collector of the port, or, if by parcel post, by the postmaster at the office where mailed. Collectors and postmasters shall promptly transmit such statements to the commission. In case skins or furs are shipped out of the Territory by means other than express, freight, or parcel post, the person transporting them shall first transmit by mail such a statement to the commission.

Skins of beavers or martens shall be sealed with a seal prescribed by the commission within 90 days after the close of the open season during which skins were legally taken or within 90 days after such skins are imported into

the Territory. Persons desiring to have such skins sealed shall present them to a member of the commission, to a game warden, or to other person authorized by the commission to seal skins, together with such affidavit or affidavits of lawful taking or importation as may be required. Skins of beavers or martens unless sealed as prescribed by this regulation may not be possessed or transported by any person after the expiration of such period.

Regulation 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Regulation 5.—Marking Shipments of Game Animals, Game Birds, Land Fur-Bearing Animals, or Parts Thereof

Each package in which game animals, game birds, land fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof are transported, shall have clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and an accurate statement of the number of each kind of game animals, game birds, land fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof, contained therein; and if the package contains skins of beavers or martens, the serial numbers of the commission's seals attached thereto shall also be similarly marked on the package.

Regulation 19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Regulation 19.—Open and Close Seasons on Land Fur-Bearing Animals

Except in areas closed to trapping under regulation 14, land fur-bearing animals may be taken in the specified districts during the following open seasons:

Fur district 1:

Muskrat.—December 16 to April 30.

Mink, land otter, and weasel (ermine):

East of Longitude 138°, January 1 to March 1.

West of Longitude 138° (see exception, December 16 to March 31).

Exception: The Kodiak-Afognak Island group, including Dark Island as the outermost island on the north, Marmot Island on the east, Tugidak and Trinity Islands on the west and south: Land otter and weasel (ermine), December 1 to February 15.

Fox (red, cross, and silver) and lynx.—November 16 to January 31.

Blue fox.—On Aleutian Islands Reservation only: November 16 to January 31.

Beaver.—Alaska Peninsula only: May 1 to May 31. Not to exceed 20 may be taken by any one person during such open season.

Black bear, including its brown and blue (glacier bear) color variations.—October 1 to May 31.

Wolf, coyote, wolverene, marmot, and ground squirrel (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken at any time.

Marten.—No open season.

Fur district 2:

Muskrat.—In that part of the district north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains consisting of the area south and westerly of a line following the winter trail through Unalaklit, Old Woman, Kaltag, Diskakat, Dikeman, Iditarod, Flat, and Georgetown, thence following the divide separating the streams flowing into the Kuskokwim from the south below Georgetown from those flowing into the Kuskokwim from the south above Georgetown, and extending to the summit of the Ahklun Mountains, May 1 to June 10.

In that part of the district north of the summit of the Alaska Range consisting of the drainage of the Tanana River from its junction with the Yukon to its source, including all its tributaries, March 15 to May 15.

All the remainder of the district north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, March 15 to May 31.

In that part of the district south of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, December 16 to April 30.

Mink, land otter, and weasel (ermine):

In that part of the district north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, November 16 to March 1.

In that part of the district south of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, December 1 to March 1.

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Fur district 2—Continued.

Black bear, including its brown and blue (or glacier bear) color variations:
In that part of the district north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, September 1 to June 20.
In that part of the district south of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, September 1 to June 20, except that during the month of September not more than two may be taken.

Fox and lynx.—In that part of the district north of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains (see exception), November 16 to March 1.
Exception: On the Seward Peninsula, including the drainage of the Kiwalik and Koyuk Rivers, December 1 to March 15.
In that part of the district south of the summit of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains, November 16 to January 31.

Beaver: In that part of the district north of the Alaska Range and Ahklun Mountains and west of the Alaska Railroad from Broad Pass to Nenana and southwest of the line of the Tanana River from Nenana to Fort Gibbon, and west of a line from Fort Gibbon to the summit of the Endicott Mountains, following the divide between streams entering the Yukon below Fort Gibbon and those entering the Yukon above Fort Gibbon, May 1 to May 31. Not to exceed 20 may be taken by any one person during such open season.
In that part of the district south of the summit of the Alaska Range and west of a line following the summit of the Chigmit Mountains (dividing the waters flowing into Cook Inlet from those flowing into Bristol Bay) from its intersection with the Kamishak Bay–Kakhonak Bay Portage northerly to its intersection with the summit of the Alaska Range near Mount Spurr, May 1 to May 31. Not to exceed 20 may be taken by any one person during such open season.
In that part of the district south of the summit of the Alaska Range and east of a line following the summit of the Chigmit Mountains (dividing the waters flowing into Cook Inlet from those flowing into Bristol Bay) from its intersection with the Kamishak Bay–Kakhonak Bay Portage northerly to its intersection with the summit of the Alaska Range near Mount Spurr (see exception), April 1 to April 30. Not to exceed 10 may be taken by any one person during such open season.
Exception: On the Kenai Peninsula, south of a line following the north bank of Portage Creek to its head, thence easterly to the head of Passage Canal, the taking of beaver is prohibited.

Polar bear, wolf, coyote, wolverene, marmot, and ground squirrel (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken at any time.

Marten.—No open season.

Fur district 3:

Muskrat.—April 1 to May 31.

Fox, lynx, mink, land otter, and weasel (ermine).—November 16 to March 15.

Beaver.—In that part of the district described as the drainage of the Noatak, Kobuk, Selawik, and Buckland Rivers, May 1 to May 31. Not to exceed 20 may be taken by any one person during such open season.

Polar bear, black bear, including its brown and blue (or glacier bear) color variations, *wolf, coyote, wolverene, marmot, and ground squirrel* (spermophile).—No close season, may be taken at any time.

It is hereby further provided that on and after 90 days after publication hereof, regulations 4, 5, and 19, published on April 2, 1927, under authority of the Alaska game law, shall be and are hereby revoked.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the United States Department of Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washington, this 30th day of December, 1927.

[SEAL.]

W. M. JARDINE,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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